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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET



The steady downward trend in the prices paid for American apples on the Liverpool auction during the past several weeks seems to have been checked during the auction held in Liverpool on Wednesday, March 16, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. Some stock sold at higher levels but prices on most varieties were maintained on about the same basis prevailing last week. Virginia Yellow Newtowns again topped the market in the barreled lines, A-2½ inch sizes in fair condition selling moderately at from \$5.35 to \$6.08 per barrel. Extra Fancy Oregon Yellow Newtowns, sizes 163/175, sold rapidly at from \$3.65 to \$3.77 per box as compared with \$3.35 to \$3.41 per box last week.

There was a good demand for Maine Baldwins this week, A-2½ inch sizes selling quickly at from \$4.62 to \$5.47 per barrel. The demand for New York Rhode Island Greenings showed some improvement, A-2½ inch sizes selling at from \$4.87 to \$5.35 per barrel, as against \$4.62 to \$5.11 last week. New York Ben Davis were in moderate demand, A-2½ inch sizes ranging from \$4.14 to \$4.38 per barrel as against \$4.01 to \$4.08 last week. New York Baldwins and Virginia Winesaps and York Imperials were in slow demand due largely to heavy supplies and the generally unsatisfactory condition of the fruit. The demand for boxed apples is very good.

The British market at the present time is undersupplied with red and yellow dessert varieties but oversupplied with cooking apples, states Mr. Smith. The dessert varieties in general are in good condition but the cooking apples are arriving overripe and with small amount of vitality. The larger sizes, particularly, are showing weak condition and decay. New York Baldwins and Rhode Island Greenings are in heavy supply. The New York Rhode Island Greenings are arriving firm and in good condition and appear remarkably free of scald. The condition of the New York Baldwins, however, is extremely variable. Virginia Winesaps and York Imperials are in liberal supply. The Yorks are in poor condition and the Winesaps in variable condition. Supplies of Virginia Yellow Newtowns, New York Ben Davis and Maine Baldwins are light and the condition variable to good. Boxed supplies in general are light. There are practically no supplies of Oregon Yellow Newtowns. Many of the Newtowns are showing heavy (over 10 per cent) decay.

Florida grapefruit brought from \$4.14 to \$6.20 per box as compared with \$5.23 to \$6.33 per box last week. Spanish oranges ranged from \$2.55 to \$4.26 per half-case as against \$3.28 to \$4.50 last week. The general condition of the Spanish oranges is only fair, states Mr. Smith. Much of the fruit appears to have been frozen. The weather in the United Kingdom during the past week has been mostly clear and temperate, which condition may be considered favorable for fruit consumption. Copenhagen prices for American barreled apples continued to decline but boxed varieties were maintained at the levels of the previous auction.

The following table gives the range of prices paid for American apples in Liverpool and Copenhagen during the past week:

Prices of American Apples in Liverpool and Copenhagen

| Variety and Grade | Origin | Price | |
|---|------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | March 9, 1927 | March 16, 1927 |
| | | Per bbl | Per bbl |
| LIVERPOOL: | | | |
| York Imperial, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | Virginia: | \$2.43 - 3.59 _a / | \$3.04 - 4.14 _a / |
| Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 3.41 - 4.38 _a / | 3.89 - 4.38 _b / |
| Yellow Newtown, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 6.08 - 7.42 | 5.35 - 6.03 _b / |
| Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | New York: | 4.14 - 4.87 | 4.38 - 4.87 |
| A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 2.92 - 3.65 _a / | 2.92 - 3.89 _a / |
| A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | Mass. | 5.35 | c/ |
| A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | 4.32 - 4.87 | c/ |
| A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | Maine | c/ | 4.62 - 5.47 |
| Rhode Island Greening, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | New York: | 4.62 - 5.11 | 4.87 - 5.35 |
| A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. | " | 4.38 | 4.50 - 4.99 |
| Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. | " | 4.01 - 4.08 | 4.14 - 4.38 |
| | | Per box | Per box |
| Yellow Newtown: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Oregon | 3.35 - 3.41 | 3.65 - 3.77 |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | " | c/ | 2.45 - 2.92 _a / |
| Extra Fancy, 188/smaller | " | 3.16 | c/ |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | c/ | 3.16 - 3.41 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | c/ | 1.95 - 2.68 _a / |
| Fancy, 188/smaller | " | c/ | 2.92 - 3.41 |
| Winesap: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Washington | 3.35 - 3.53 | 3.16 - 3.41 |
| Fancy, 163/175 | " | c/ | 2.92 - 3.16 |
| | | March 4, 1927 | March 15, 1927 |
| | | Per bbl | Per bbl |
| COPENHAGEN: | | | |
| Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up | Virginia: | 6.45 - 7.18 | 5.35 - 6.33 |
| Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up | " | 6.33 - 7.06 | 5.35 - 5.60 |
| Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inch up | Maine | 5.60 - 6.33 | c/ |
| | | Per box | Per box |
| Yellow Newtown: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Oregon | 3.16 - 3.41 | 3.35 - 3.41 |
| Winesap: | | | |
| Extra Fancy, 163/175 | Washington | c/ | 2.92 - 3.22 |

a/ Poor condition. b/ Fair condition. c/ Not quoted in cable.

